29. (New) The isolated protein of claim 25 wherein the amino acid sequence further comprises a heterologous polypeptide.

30. (New) The protein of claim 25, wherein said isolated protein is glycosylated.

31. (New) The protein of claim 25, wherein said isolated protein is fused to polyethylene glycol.

32. (New) A composition comprising the isolated protein of claim 25.

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33. (New) A protein produced by a method comprising:

(a) culturing a host cell under conditions suitable to produce the isolated protein of claim 25; and

(b) recovering the protein from the host cell culture.

34. (New) An isolated protein comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) the amino acid sequence of the full-length polypeptide, which amino acid sequence is encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97486;

(b) the amino acid sequence of the full-length polypeptide, excluding the N-terminal methionine residue, which amino acid sequence is encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97486; and

(c) the amino acid sequence of the mature polypeptide, which amino acid sequence is encoded by the cDNA clone contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97486.

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35. (New) The protein of claim ~~34~~ which comprises amino acid sequence (a).

12 10
36. (New) The protein of claim ~~34~~ which comprises amino acid sequence (b).

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37. (New) The protein of claim ~~34~~ which comprises amino acid sequence (c).

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38. (New) The isolated protein of claim ~~34~~ wherein the amino acid sequence further comprises a heterologous polypeptide.

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15 10
39. (New) The protein of claim ~~34~~, wherein said isolated protein is glycosylated.

16 10
40. (New) The protein of claim ~~34~~, wherein said isolated protein is fused to polyethylene glycol.

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41. (New) A composition comprising the isolated protein of claim 34.

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42. (New) A protein produced by a method comprising:

(a) culturing a host cell under conditions suitable to produce the isolated protein of claim 10 ~~34~~; and

(b) recovering the protein from the host cell culture.

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43. (New) An isolated protein comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) amino acid residues -20 to 203 of SEQ ID NO:2;

(b) amino acid residues -19 to 203 of SEQ ID NO:2; and

(c) amino acid residues 1 to 203 of SEQ ID NO:2;

wherein 1 to 5 amino acid residues are substituted in, deleted from, or added to, in any combination, said amino acid sequence.

20 ~~44~~. (New) The isolated protein of claim 19 ~~43~~ which comprises amino acid sequence (a).

21 ~~45~~. (New) The isolated protein of claim 19 ~~43~~ which comprises amino acid sequence (b).

22 ~~46~~. (New) The isolated protein of claim 19 ~~43~~ which comprises amino acid sequence (c).

23 ~~47~~. (New) The isolated protein of claim 19 ~~43~~ wherein the amino acid sequence further comprises a heterologous polypeptide.

24 ~~48~~. (New) The protein of claim 19 ~~43~~, wherein said isolated protein is glycosylated.

25 ~~49~~. (New) The protein of claim 19 ~~43~~, wherein said isolated protein is fused to polyethylene glycol.

sub D3 50. (New) A composition comprising the isolated protein of claim 43.

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~~51~~. (New) A protein produced by a method comprising:

(a) culturing a host cell under conditions suitable to produce the isolated protein of claim 19 ~~43~~; and

(b) recovering the protein from the host cell culture.

28
~~52~~. (New) An isolated protein comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) amino acid residues -20 to 203 of SEQ ID NO:2;

(b) amino acid residues -19 to 203 of SEQ ID NO:2; and

(c) amino acid residues 1 to 203 of SEQ ID NO:2;

wherein 5 to 10 amino acid residues are substituted in, deleted from, or added to, in any combination, said amino acid sequence.

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~~53~~. (New) The isolated protein of claim 28 ~~52~~ which comprises amino acid sequence (a).

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~~54~~. (New) The isolated protein of claim 28 ~~52~~ which comprises amino acid sequence (b).

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~~55~~. (New) The isolated protein of claim 28 ~~52~~ which comprises amino acid sequence (c).

32 (New) The isolated protein of claim 28 wherein the amino acid sequence further comprises a heterologous polypeptide.

33 (New) The protein of claim 28, wherein said isolated protein is glycosylated.

34 (New) The protein of claim 28, wherein said isolated protein is fused to polyethylene glycol.

59. (New) A composition comprising the isolated protein of claim 52.

36 (New) A protein produced by a method comprising:

(a) culturing a host cell under conditions suitable to produce the isolated protein of claim 28; and

(b) recovering the protein from the host cell culture.

37 (New) An isolated protein comprising at least 30 contiguous amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO:2.

38 (New) The isolated protein of claim 37 wherein the isolated protein comprises at least 50 contiguous amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO:2.

39 (New) The isolated protein of claim 37 wherein the amino acid sequence further comprises a heterologous polypeptide.

40 37
~~64~~. (New) The protein of claim ~~61~~, wherein said isolated protein is glycosylated.

41 37
~~65~~. (New) The protein of claim ~~61~~, wherein said isolated protein is fused to polyethylene glycol.

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66. (New) A composition comprising the isolated protein of claim 61.

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~~67~~. (New) A protein produced by a method comprising:

(a) culturing a host cell under conditions suitable to produce the isolated protein of claim ~~61~~; and

(b) recovering the protein from the host cell culture.

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~~68~~. (New) An isolated protein comprising an amino acid sequence 90% or more identical to an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) amino acid residues -20 to 203 of SEQ ID NO:2;

(b) amino acid residues -19 to 203 of SEQ ID NO:2; and

(c) amino acid residues 1 to 203 of SEQ ID NO:2.

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~~69~~. (New) The isolated protein of claim ~~68~~ which further comprises an amino acid sequence 90% or more identical to amino acid residues –20 to 203 of SEQ ID NO:2.

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~~70~~. (New) The isolated protein of claim ~~68~~ which further comprises an amino acid sequence 90% or more identical to amino acid residues -19 to 203 of SEQ ID NO:2.

47 71. (New) The isolated polypeptide of claim 44 ~~68~~ which further comprises an amino acid sequence 90% or more identical to amino acid residues 1 to 203 of SEQ ID NO:2.

48 72. (New) The isolated protein of claim 44 ~~68~~ which further comprises an amino acid sequence 95% or more identical to amino acid residues -20 to 203 of SEQ ID NO:2.

49 73. (New) The isolated protein of claim 44 ~~68~~ which further comprises an amino acid sequence 95% or more identical to amino acid residues -19 to 203 of SEQ ID NO:2.

50 74. (New) The isolated protein of claim 44 ~~68~~ which further comprises an amino acid sequence 95% or more identical to amino acid residues 1 to 203 of SEQ ID NO:2.

51 75. (New) The isolated protein of claim 44 ~~68~~ wherein the amino acid sequence further comprises a heterologous polypeptide.

52 76. (New) The protein of claim 44 ~~68~~, wherein said isolated protein is glycosylated.

53 77. (New) The protein of claim 44 ~~68~~, wherein said isolated protein is fused to polyethylene glycol.

sub D6 78. (New) A composition comprising the isolated protein of claim 68.

55 79. (New) A protein produced by a method comprising:

(a) culturing a host cell under conditions suitable to produce the isolated protein